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For: AREA SEPARATING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
EMPLOYING THE SAME, AND AREA SEPARATING METHOD

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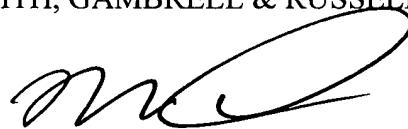
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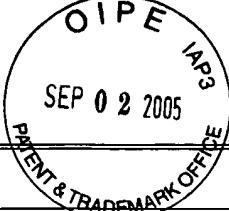


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